

EARLY CATKINS

By Georgina Fraser Newhall.

Then saffron swarms swing off from all the willows, and the poplars will present their plump, they look like yellow catkins.

—J. R. Lowell.

This is to be a great month for "coming out" parties; I mean, the coming out of "buds." For instance, the pussy willows and the poplars will present whole families. It is a season of interest to at least half the world when the pussy willows are out, for despite many other signs of spring, the pussy willows are the only ones that are at their most kitten-like stage. Whence they came or whether they go after this delightful period of their existence, are questions which do not suggest themselves to the average observer.

It may be hard to many that as far back as last August, one might have found the very beginning of these very demure little flowers. Even then, had one taken a needle and forced open the wrappers in which Dame Nature had enfolded them, a pocket microscope would have revealed the wee pussies each ready with its stamens or pistils securely packed, awaiting the time when the Mother-tree should have discarded her leaves and been ready to give her attention to the new family.

Winds blew and rocked the small pussies, ghosts of flowers floated by, rains lashed, and frosts teased them, but through it all, they flourished, swelling by slow and invisible growth, until, with the first hint of spring, they burst their leathery jackets and emerged as the "pussy willows" of delighted childhood.

But one may not be kittenish long, even though one be a pussy willow. There is always the business of life, and soon the willows are decked in either silvery green or golden catkins, the former being an arrangement of pistils partly covered by fringed scales, while the latter contain the male or staminate flowers whose yellow pollen is carried by wind and insect to the waiting pistils of the female flowers and thus fertilization is accomplished. Later when the silvery green, green, some of the willows will again be furry, for the wee pods of the silver catkins will open and set free their minute and multitudinous seed progeny, each pro-



Balm of Gilead Catkins.

a boat on which to float, or a pillow on which to fall. Willows, you see, have a far more adventurous life than we might expect from their very sleek aspect in the days of kittenhood.

Most popular buds look like those of the willow, so much so that few discriminate between them. One fears that this may not be an acceptable state of affairs to the poplars. They are such a very ancient family! Poplars

were society when tree-society was on a very exclusive basis. Only the Cyads, cypresses, and yews, firs and spruces took precedence of them. They were the first to have arborial bearings, that is, net-vined leaves. At least, so geologists say.

There is one of this family, however, who disdains such a bid for popularity as pussies; prefers to be useful, and is part perfumer, part physician. This is the Balm of Gilead, eagerly sought by many people for healing purposes. Out of the great, sticky, aromatic buds whose fragrance goes to make spring breezes delightful, is eventually pressed the caterpillar-like catkins, male or female, which are to perpetuate the species.

Most beautiful of all are the furry buds of another of the poplars, which has discarded plain cypichilla grays in favor of crimson effects. The buds are charming either when like kittens they "cuddle down," or when as garnet-studded necklaces, they deck their mother-tree as was the Roman mother in the dear jewels of her maternity.

Quite as carefully as her cousin, the willow, the poplar sends her progeny adrift—not empty-handed, but by way of "plenshing," as the Scotch put it, with little tufts of wool on which one may frequently see them sauntering forth into the great unknown.

About the time when the pussy willows are decked in pollen, down where the pools are deepest and brownest, you will find the alders and hazels in bloom. They do not bother with anything like kittens. The pollen is distributed before other trees begin to leaf, for leaves would sadly interfere with the work of fertilization. The alder, indeed, is very forward. She began as early as last July to prepare for this "coming out" season. But who could guess that she could conceal so much grace and loveliness within those prim little scaly objects which one is likely to mistake for newly varnished logs. She surprises us with lovely pendulous, purple-bronze catkins which the faintest breath sets swinging, chains of blended scales and four-sealed staminate flowers. These, having no taste for robber insects, are content to trust their pollen to the ancient carrier, the wind. The insignificant female flowers are to be found at the tips of the very smallest twigs. They are glutinous, branched and hairy, that they may hold all of the golden pollen flung their way. These grow into dainty cones, which one may find adhering to the previous year's growth, and which afford shelter to the seed until it matures.

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Here Is a New Game

Originated in New England; Called 500

FROM New England, where some people have time enough to think out new things with cards, comes a new card game that is slowly becoming popular. It is called "five hundred." The game is played with what is commonly known as the euchre pack—thirty-three cards, including the joker, all below the seven being thrown out. In plain suits the cards rank in the ordinary way—ace, king, queen, jack, ten, nine, eight, seven, but in the trump suit they rank as in euchre.

The joker is the best trump, the jack of the trump suit is the second best, and the jack of the same color, red or black, is the third best; so that, if hearts were trumps, the rank of the ten cards in the trump suit would be: joker, heart jack, diamond jack, heart ace, king, queen, ten, nine, eight and seven.

When there is a red trump the black jacks take their places between the queen and the ten of their respective suits. When there is a black trump, the red jacks take their places between the queen and the ten, each in its own suit.

When there is no trump, the joker can be used in two ways. The suit to which it shall belong is at the option of the holder and need not be declared until the card is actually played.

If the joker is led, the suit which it calls for must be named by the player leading it. When the joker is not led, it can be used as a trump, but only when the holder of it has none of the suit led. If he trumps with it while holding a card of the suit led, it is a revoke.

In some places it is the custom to allow the holder of the joker to play it at any time on any suit led, and to call it the best card of that suit; but this does not seem to be the most generally adopted rule.

The scores are kept on a slate or paper. The best score is not available, because of the possibility of players being set back to less than nothing. Three persons play, each for himself. Occasionally four play, adding the sixes and fives and the two black fours to the pack. The four hand game is not so interesting as the three hand, and is seldom played, except as a partnership.

The pack is spread face downward, and each player draws a card, the low-

est card having the first deal and the choice of seats. In cutting the cards rank between the queen and ten; the ace is the highest card and the joker the lowest.

If two players cut cards of equal value and they are the lowest, they cut again, but the new cut decides nothing save the tie.

After the cards have been properly shuffled they must be presented to the dealer, the player on the dealer's right, to cut, and not less than five cards must be left in either pack. They are then dealt from left to right, three at a time the first round and two at a time the next round.

Three cards are then laid off for the widow, face down, and then three more dealt to each player, and finally two more, so that each player receives ten cards. The cards laid off for the widow must never be the first or the last cards dealt, and should always be played aside after each player, including the dealer, has received five.

No trump is turned up, and a misdeal does not lose the deal, because the deal is of no advantage.

The privilege of naming the trump suit, taking the widow and leading for the first trick is bid for. The bidder must state the number of tricks he proposes to win and also the suit which he will name for the trump, or that he will play without a trump.

No bid of less than six or more than nine can be offered. The usual formula is: "Six on spades" or "Eight on hearts."

The bids have a determined value, according to the following table:

	No. of tricks	
Clubs	6 7 8 9	100 120 140 160
Spades	6 7 8 9	120 140 160 180
Hearts	6 7 8 9	140 160 180 200
Diamonds	6 7 8 9	160 180 200 220
No trumps	6 7 8 9	180 200 220 240

In order to remember this table it should be observed that each additional trick adds the unit value of six tricks to the bid. For instance, the unit value of spades is 60 for the lowest bid. For seven tricks it is 60 more, or 120, and for eight tricks it is 60 more than for seven, or 180.

If the bidder fails to make as many tricks as he bid, he is set back the amount that his bid is worth, and his adversaries score ten points each for all the tricks they have won.

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Any player bidding out of turn, loses the privilege of bidding for that hand. The successful bidder takes the three cards of the widow into his hand and afterward discards any three cards he pleases in their place. No one is allowed to look at these discards.

After discarding, he leads any card he pleases, and is not obliged to pitch a trump first. The winner of one trick leads for the next, and so on. Each player in turn must follow suit if he can, as failure to follow suit when able to do so is a revoke.

When a revoke is claimed and proved the hands are immediately abandoned. If it is an adversary of the bidder who has revoked, the bidder scores what he bid and neither of the adversaries can score anything for the tricks they have won.

If the bidder himself revokes, he is set back the amount of his bid, and the adversaries score whatever tricks they have made.

Although the bidder cannot score any more than the amount of his bid, no matter how many tricks he takes, unless he wins them all, every hand must be played out, because every trick taken by the bidder's adversaries counts 10 points for the individual player winning it, no matter what the trump suit is.

If the bidder wins all ten tricks, he scores 250, unless his bid was more than 250, in which case he simply scores what he bid.

The game is 500 points. At the end of the hand the bidder always has the first count, and if he has enough to put him out he wins the game, no matter what the others have scored.

Suppose A has 400 on the slate and B has 450, and that A bids six on diamonds and makes it; he is out, even if B has won two or three tricks worth 30 points each. This is in accordance with the principle of all bidding games that the one who takes a risk shall have the advantage of the first count.

This rule prevents a player who is ahead from sitting still and "sweating out" ten points at a time, refusing to take any chances by bidding. If the bidder fails to make as many tricks as he bid, he is set back the amount that his bid is worth, and his adversaries score ten points each for all the tricks they have won.

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE REMARKABLE EASTER SPECIALS

The Reliable Silk Store.

Join the shrewd shoppers and come here for your silks, then you'll have the largest stock in Salt Lake to pick from. Of course the lowest prices, which are always maintained here. Here's a partial list of next week's great silk bargains.

65c to \$1 Plain and Fancy Silks Specially Priced this Week at 49 cents.

50 pieces in this lot of fine silks, including 27-inch waterproof foulards, hand-some 20-inch gunmetal striped wash silk, plain colored satin finish messalines, extra heavy and brilliant lustrous, desirable for waists or full dresses, big variety of spring colorings, all priced for the week as above.

COLORED SILKS.

50c Natural Pongee Silks.

13 inches wide and extra quality for waists and shirt waist suits, specially priced at 39c.

White Habutai Wash Silks.

The best value ever shown in Salt Lake, extra good quality, extra brilliant lustrous, will launder perfectly, for waists, dresses and underwear, 23 inches wide, and worn regularly see for this week only 45c.

Fancy Silks and Chiffon Taffetas

Dresses of the season's latest styles and colorings, all new choice effects, in plain, rustling, chiffon taffetas, handsome styles in striped Louisianes and taffetas, also lace taffetas, all high class, exclusive silks, worth up to \$1.25 per yard, now priced for the week at only 85c.

MATCHLESS VALUES IN BLACK SILKS.

19 inch black lining silks, extra strong and lustrous, see grade cut to 45c.

66 grade 19 inch black taffeta extra quality and all ones, cut to 50c.

20 inch fine quality all silk black peau de cygne, soft finish, made especially for light weight summer waists and shirt waist suits, also perfectly adapted for tucking, shirring, or plating. See quality, cut to 65c.

27 inch all silk black taffeta, \$1.15 qualities, strictly high grade and only 85c.

36 inch black taffeta, soft chiffon finish, very desirable and extra value at \$1.25, extra special for this week 95c.

SPECIAL SALE OF 17½c to 20c GRADES

White Goods

DIMITIES, 12½c DIMITIES, NAINSOOKS, 12½c NAINSOOKS, LAWNS, 12½c LAWNS.

In this offering we include a fine quality Victoria lawn that sold at 20c, an excellent quality underwear nainsook that sold at 17½c, and a big variety of checked and striped nainsooks all 15 2-26 and 26c grades.

EASTER SALE OF

Black Silk Suits.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF FASHION'S FINEST FANCIES IN SILK TAILORED OR SHIRT WAIST SUITS. In redingote full blouse jacket and all the new plain tucked, plaited or shirred styles. All cut generously full, both waists and skirts, some beautifully trimmed with black or with rich colored braid, in type we can but vaguely convey their true quality and merit. You must see them yourselves. Any lady wishing a handsome black silk suit at a very low cut price, should avail herself of this great opportunity, for they will be all specially priced for this week at—

\$11.95, \$13.95, \$17.95, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$32.00, etc.

Interesting Lace News.

Most interesting in price and quality is our special Monday display. Trench lace and insertions, fine qualities and good widths, worth up to 10c per yard, only 4c.

Not top oriental laces in white and cream 5c to 10 inches wide, values up to 15c.

Narrow French Val laces, insertions and headings, great variety of dainty and pretty patterns, at half price, by the dozen, 50c, 30c and 20c.

White all-over laces and headings in exquisite dainty patterns, 3c and 5c grades, 50c.

Corbin's DRY GOODS STORE 222-224 MAIN ST.

25c A ROUSING SPECIAL TO INTEREST ALL STYLISH DRESSERS, 35c 25c

Per Yard AND 50c QUALITIES IN Per Yard

New White Waistings

Values such as these don't occur every day in the year. It's the remarkable savings such as this that have made us the great volume of white goods customers. Compare these values with anything in town, and they will stand head and shoulders above them all.

White mercerized Eolienues, poplins, madras, fine white voiles, sheer fancy muslin waistings, and an immense selection of highly mercerized figured and striped waistings, all bought to sell at 25c and 50c per yard.

35c SALE OF DAINTY NEW NECKWEAR FOR EASTER 35c

50c and 65c VALUES

Lace and embroidery trimmed stocks, rich and dainty, ruffled effect deep stocks, with ruffling in neck, swell turnover style fourth-hand embroidery, dainty chemisettes, hand made faced stitched stock collars and other pretty styles, including a big variety of collar tops and collar and cuffs sets, a fine assortment and a refreshing new collection to pick from, all regular 50c and 65c values.

EVERY WOMAN IN SALT LAKE WILL BE INTERESTED IN THIS TRULY GREAT

Easter Sale of Silk Coats

RAINCOATS AND TAILOR MADE COATS OF EVERY CORRECT SHAPE AND LENGTH, DIVIDED INTO

3 Great Lots, \$10, \$15 and \$20



We speak conservatively when we say that our prices are almost one-half less than others for like qualities and styles. Every new style idea for spring is represented in this lot of high class coats, all kinds of covert coats, the elegant high-class tailored garment from the short, natty, tight-fitting coat to the long fitted blouse or paddock styles; also all the newest short ¾ and long models, in Black Broadcloth, Pongee, Black and Colored Silks, Novelty Check Mohair and Cravettes. Also among this great assortment will be found Novelties in Opera and Evening Coats, all sizes.

Values up to \$20.00 for \$10.00

Values up to \$27.50 for \$15.00

Values up to \$37.50 for \$20.00

The Always Busy Dress Goods Store

Do you know why? It's quickly told; largest stocks, all the newest novelties and always the lowest rock bottom prices.

65c to 75c New Voiles, Panamas, Mohairs, Albatross, Etc 49 cents.

Here are several lines of all wool Panamas, rich and lustrous mohairs, fancy weave granites, fine sheer albatross, etc., in all the desirable shades, 36 to 44 inches wide, including 42 inch voiles in all the wanted shades, all 65c to 75c values, specially priced for the week as above.

CREAM PANAMA—One of the season's most desirable waisting and suit fabrics, 36 inches wide, and extra 40c grade, cut to 29c.

PLAIN AND FANCY MOHAIRS—32 inch plain mohairs, in gray, tan, blue, brown and black, 38-inch fancy mohairs in checks, stripes and plaid mixtures, standard but the most wanted and desirable black fabrics, also full shirt waist suits, worth up to 59c, per yard 59c.

and new designs, dotted and fancy nets, in white, black and ecru, very popular for waists, trimmings, dresses, etc., from \$7.00 up

WASTIN SPECIAL—Strictly high class all wool checked waistings, 44 inches wide and regular \$1.25 grade, a very fine quality and superior finish, special cut prices, per yard 75c.

Black Goods Specials, 95c worth up to \$1.50 yd

This assortment comprises all the newest black fabrics, voiles, crepes, panamas, brillantines, crispines, armures, roxannas, bonnetries, serges, prinellias, chevilles, gypses, etc., nothing but the most wanted and desirable black fabrics, 42 to 50 inches wide, values from \$1.25 to \$1.50, all priced at one figure, for your selection this week.

Big Mill End Sale 10c yd

15c NEW GINGHAMS Tremendous assortments, all newest patterns and colorings, stripes, checks, etc., light, medium and dark colors, standard high class gingham at tremendous savings, 2 to 10 yard lengths.

Easter High Class Under-muslins.

SKIRTS of white cambric, umbrella shape, wide flounce with fine tucks and \$1.75

SKIRTS of white cambric, wide umbrella style, flounce daintily trimmed with val insertion and circular ruffle of val \$2.50

GOWNS—A large variety of cambric and muslin in high or low neck or slit over styles, very neatly trimmed in fine Swiss embroidery or val lace and \$1.25

GOWNS of fine nainsook, with style yoke of fine tucks and lace medallions, bishop sleeve trimmed with medallions, and \$1.75

CORSET COVERS of white cambric or nainsook yoke of lace and Swiss embroidery insertion heading with wash ribbon \$85c

CORSET COVERS of alternate rows of fine lawn and val insertion, heading and ribbon around neck, sleeve and waist \$1.75

DRAWERS of cambric or nainsook wide umbrella shape, flounce trimmed with fine lace or fine embroidery \$85c

DRAWERS of fine cambric, extra wide flounce trimmed with fine tucks, insertion heading and dainty embroidery \$1.25

New Easter Corsets:

G. D. Justrite corsets made of fine white batiste with medium bust and long princess hip. Special \$1.00

C. B. A. La Spirite corset of white batiste, low bust, habit hip, extra well boned. \$1.25

G. D. Justrite corset, white batiste, new model high bust, long hip, two pair of hose supporters, attached, neatly finished with ribbon. Special \$1.75

G. D. Justrite, corset of white coutil, high bust, long habit hip and back specially designed for stout figures. Special \$2.00

Grand Assortments of Easter Kid Gloves.



All the new shades now on sale. New blues, reds, greens, onion and leather shades, among the many new novelties.

\$1.00 For the justly celebrated "Tri-umph" glove, made of popular high grade materials, and in all the newest shades.

\$1.50 For the Derby or Palais Royal, both superior values, and come in suitable for street or evening wear.

\$2.00 Nothing higher priced sold here in the land at any price. In this glove we offer the highest standard of French kid gloves imported, all made from selected skins and made by France's foremost glove makers. Every pair warranted and fitted, all the low dress goods shades shown at this price.

Fine Showing of New Easter Hosiery.

Fancy all over lace hosiery in black only, a variety of new lace effects, 25c per pair, grade, specially priced at only— 25c

LADIES' SPECIAL 50c HOSE VALUES. GENERALLY SOLD AT 65c and 75c. Fancy lace boot hose in this glove we offer rich gauze hose, hose in champagne, white and Alice Roosevelt blue, the very newest color effects, handsome combination drop stitch and polka dot hosiery, also very well effects in black and colored embroidered hose, all strictly made and absolutely the pick of the new spring importations at this special price.